

# Legislative Issue Brief – Collective Bargaining



## **Catawba County Board of Commissioner's Legislative Goal**

**Oppose attempts to eliminate the prohibition on collective bargaining for public employees**

### **Background**

During the last legislative session, several bills were introduced that would have eliminated or eroded the prohibition on collective bargaining for public employees in the State of North Carolina. These included Senate Bills 178 and 427 as well as House Bill 750, which would make it possible for collective bargaining to occur within the State and within local governments. None of these bills moved out of committee during the long session.

Allowing collective bargaining to occur would result in a significant increase in costs for all local governments in North Carolina. There would be additional costs associated with staff time spent on negotiations and the hiring of professionals to aid in the negotiation process. The cost of the process and materials required to write contracts, would also be incurred by local governments. Catawba County opposes any Bill that eliminates the current prohibition on collective bargaining for state and local government employees, which has been in effect since 1959.

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